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In the application of:

Ann MONOSOV and Xinyu Fu.

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For: NUDE MOUSE MODEL FOR HUMAN  
NEOPLASTIC DISEASE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 13 February 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 13 May 2002. All of the pending claims were rejected as assertedly obvious over the art. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following discussion is offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.